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SUBJECT: FONMIN BATRES COMMENTS ON PANAMA CUBA RELATIONS

1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE APPEARING IN TIEMPO ON AUGUST 22, FONMIN BATRES STATED THAT PANAMA'S ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA IS AN ACT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. HE OBSERVED THAT HONDURAS IS IN FAVOR OF A REVIEW OF THE CUBAN SITUATION IN THE OAS BECAUSE THE SANCTIONS APPLIED TO THE COUNTRY HAVE ALREADY DISAPPEARED IN PRACTICE. HE STATED THAT HONDURAS BELIEVES THE MATTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE OAS IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREED UPON INTER-AMERICAN POSITION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLICY OF CONSIDERING THE MATTER EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE OAS COULD BE CHANGED IF THE NATION'S NEEDS REQUIRED IT. HE ADDED THAT THE GOH IS NOT PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. BATRES ALSO STATED THAT THE HONDURAS/SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. HE OBSERVED THAT NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE, AND STATED THAT HE UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD INFORM THE HONDURAN PEOPLE IF SUCH AGREEMENTS CAME

INTO BEING.
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